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900 AM CST TUE MAR 15 2005

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SUBJECT CHANGE IN FLOOD STAGE AT DEKALB, IL ON THE SOUTH
BRANCH KISHWAUKEE RIVER...
EFFECTIVE APRIL 15 2005 AT 9 AM CDT

On Friday...April 15 2005...at 9 AM CDT...NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) Chicago Forecast Office in Romeoville Illinois will change the flood stage on the South Branch Kishwaukee River at De Kalb Illinois from 11 feet to 10 feet.

It was determined after flooding in May 2004 that minor flooding begins in areas along the South Branch Kishwaukee River in the De Kalb area at around 10 feet. The NWS defines flood stage as the river level that begins to impact life and/or property...and river flood products will be issued when the South Branch Kishwaukee River at De Kalb is forecast to reach flood stage. Changing the flood stage to 10 feet will allow improved lead time for flood events.

The Chicago office of NOAA's National Weather Service has implemented advanced hydrologic prediction service (AHPS) for the South Branch Kishwaukee River at De Kalb. AHPS enables NOAA's National Weather Service to provide five day forecasts and long-range probabilistic river outlooks. Additional supportive data and explanation are available on the internet at:www.crh.noaa.gov/lot (internet addresses are all lower case).

NOAA's National Weather Service welcomes public feedback. If you have any questions or comments on this change...please contact:

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